

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of:  
Wells Obrecht

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Art Unit: 3692

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR  
PROCURING GOODS IN AN AUTOMATED  
MANNER

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Examiner: D. S. M. Meinecke

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 IN RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S ANSWER**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Madam:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Pursuant to 37 CFR 41.39(b)(1), in response to the Examiner's Answer dated January 7, 2009, Applicant requests that prosecution be reopened in order to address the Examiner's new grounds of rejection. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.